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This happy-looking group attended the CYF Conference in Eastern Oregon last summer. Seated in left front is Mrs. Peter Solomon, missionary speaker from India. Do you recognize any other familiar faces?

## Let's Go to Conference!

Camp and Conference time is rapidly approaching, and alert churches and youth groups are already planning ways of helping their young people to attend. These summer experiences often prove to be one of the most enriching high points in the life of a young person, where he lives for a full week in a truly Christian atmosphere, studies under the leadership of consecrated faculty, receives leadership training that will be invaluable to him in his own local group, and has fun and fellowship with other Christian youth. Through discussion and worship he comes face to face with God and comes to know more fully what it means to be a Christian. Our young people **need** the kind of experience provided at Camp and Conference. Registration blanks are available from the directors of the camps or from your local pastor.

### Camp and Conference Schedule

| | Date | Place | Director |
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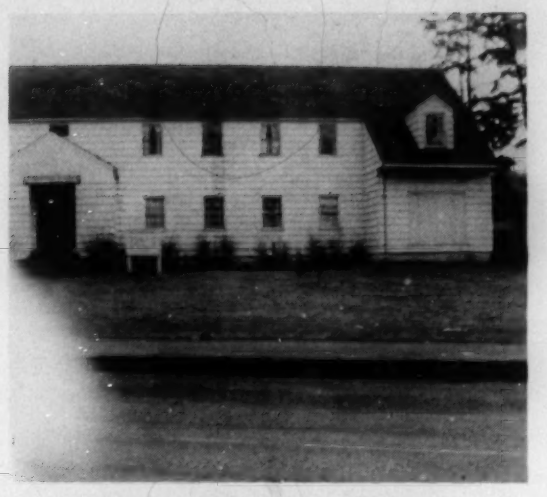
| **CYF CONFERENCES (Senior High):** | | | |
| **Area** | | | |
| Northwest (Zone 1) | June 16-22 | Camp Adams | John Ihle, Forest Grove |
| West Central (Zone 2) | June 16-22 | Camp Lane | Gerald Sawyer, Lebanon |
| Southern (Zone 3) | June 9-15 | Camp Myrtlewood | Walter Naff, Coquille |
| Eastern (Zone 4) | July 28-Aug. 3 | Cove | Donald Payne, Pendleton |
| **CHI RHO CAMPS (Junior High):** | | | |
| Northwest (Zone 1) | June 16-22 | Arrah Wanna | I. M. Nelson, Silverton |
| West Central (Zone 2) | June 23-29 | Camp Lane | Frances Hyland, Eugene |
| Southern (Zone 3) | June 16-22 | Camp Myrtlewood | Robert Neal, Grants Pass |
| Eastern (Zone 4) | July 21-27 | Cove | Truman Robbins, Milton |



SEASIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ROBERT McDONALD, pastor of Seaside Christian Church.

# *Church of the Month . . . Seaside*

Early in 1944 a small group composed of Cora and Harold Davis, Fred and Edith Phibus, Keith and Jesse Short met in the home of Fred Phibus with the idea of organizing a Christian Church at Seaside. For many weeks, services were held in the homes of the group mentioned.

Mr. Wm. Morse, Sr., then pastor of the church at Amity, was contacted to assist in looking for a building site in Seaside. Subsequently a building was located on Avenue A near Columbia Street. Under the leadership of Elery Parrish an evangelistic meeting was begun on Easter Sunday in 1944. At the close of the meeting the church was organized with a charter membership of 26. Funds from interested friends and also from the State Society were given to help underwrite the cost of the meeting.

Mr. Wm. Morse, Sr., became the first pastor for the church in October of 1944. necessary to secure larger quarters. A In a little more than a year it became location was secured at 14th and North Holladay and the present structure was begun. A substantial amount of money was borrowed from the Permanent Fund of the State Society. Thanks to this loan, along with much donated labor, materials, and other funds, the present building was soon made ready for use in part at least.

The ministerial leadership has included the following persons: Wm. Morse, Sr., John Schmid, Charles Lemmex, Sheridan Arnold, B. Ross Evans, and Robert McDonald. Some of the interim pastors have been: Fred Hatchel, Bill Morse., Jr., Dorsey Dent, A. F. Van Slyke, and Mr. Whittington. The state Society aided with pastoral support for much of the time and still is giving aid through a loan from the Permanent Fund. The work has often been handicapped by removals from the community. However, the work has given a continuous witness since its beginning. The average Sunday-School attendance for 1956 was 44. The present membership of the church is 60.

## Mortensen Speaks to Men at California Retreat

A. W. Mortensen delivered a series of three addresses at the annual retreat of the Northern California Christian Men's Fellowship, February 16 and 17. The retreat was held at Mt. Hermon, California. At the request of Mark Rutherford, Mr. Mortensen was representing the Department of Men's Work of the United Christian Missionary Society as the department's speaker.

The Department of Men's Work asked that Mr. Mortensen present the heart of the "Let's Close the Switch" program at this meeting. His three addresses were entitled as follows: The Present in Northern California; What To Do About It; What the Future Holds.

## Veteran LaGrande Worker Passes Away

Ernest H. DeLong, treasurer of the La Grande Christian Church, died suddenly on January 26. He had been treasurer of the church for the past three years. Mr. De Long was 80 years of age and had lived for 69 years in the Grand Ronde Valley in eastern Oregon.

For many years he was superintendent of the Liberty Sunday School (near La Grande) which was sponsored by the American Sunday School Union. He is survived by his wife, Rose, and four children, Vernon DeLong, chairman of the Board of Elders of the La Grande church; Mrs. Ralph Robinson, La Grande; Mrs. Rodney Miller, Union; Raymond DeLong, Seattle; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. This fine Christian brother will be greatly missed.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**SPEAKERS** at the Oregon Christian Assembly included (left to right) Spencer P. Austin, Robert Nelson, Mrs. C. C. Smith, and Edna Whipple Gish.

**PANEL PARTICIPANTS**, discussing the theme of "New Church Strategy", were as follows: (left to right) Charles Addleman, moderator; M. De Witt Safford, United Presbyterian Church; Mark Talney, Oregon Council of Churches; John Berry, Pacific University; Edward Andersen, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Eugene; and Ross J. Griffeth, Northwest Christian College.

**"ONE-MATTRESS OKIE"** was the quip from toastmaster Aldis Webb that called forth the merriment evident at the banquet, as Dr. Webb introduced Robert Nelson.

# Oregon Christian Assembly Wins Acclaim of Listeners

## Mission Opportunities Scanned By Spencer Austin

"The mission of the church first of all is to demonstrate God, to confront man with the personality of God," said Dr. Spencer P. Austin as he led off the program of the Oregon Christian Assembly at Eugene on the evening of February 11.

Dr. Austin, speaking on the "World Mission of the Church," said that if we are really ready to save the souls of men we must also provide for their bodies. "We cannot be truly interested in their souls," he continued, "if we don't care whether they have enough to eat." Hence the missions not only preach and teach but also provide medical, agricultural, and social service. "The church must be concerned with the total man," he said.

To portray the missionary opportunities before the church, he pointed out that there is one new birth in the U.S. every 12 seconds. Just to maintain the present percentage of Christians, 105,000 new churches must be started by 1975. This fact means that 65,000 Protestant churches must be built. Our own brotherhood must establish 150 to 200 new congregations a year to maintain the present ratio.

The problem is made acute by the fact that 350 ministers are dropping from the rolls each year and only 150 graduates with the B.D. degree are being produced annually. We must double the number of B. D. graduates each year, he said.

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## Oregon Is Most Pagan State, Say Panelists

"Oregon is the most pagan state in the U.S." because of the poor job we are doing in providing churches for our new population, according to Professor John W. Berry, sociology professor at Pacific University. Professor Berry delivered this statement at the Oregon Christian Assembly in Eugene during a panel discussion in the afternoon of February 12.

Other panel participants were M. DeWitt Safford, Edward R. Anderson, Ross J. Griffeth, and Mark Talney. Charles Addleman was the moderator for the panel.

Panel members, speaking and answering questions about "New Church Strategy", packed the period with practical information about starting new churches in Oregon. Professor Berry pointed out that in the last 16 years, while U.S. population has grown 30 per cent, Oregon population has grown 60 per cent. Church growth has lagged to the point that only 1 out of 6 people in the rapidly growing fringe areas is related to a church.

Professor Berry stated that people today will pass by an ineffective church and drive on several miles to worship at an effective church. He concluded that we should build really effective, significant churches in our newly developed urban areas.

Mark Talney reminded the audience of the necessity to plan ahead, because property is taken up so fast in new districts that soon there is insufficient reasonably priced land for churches.

Dr. Ross J. Griffeth stated that there is nothing more expensive to a church than a "cheap" lot or limited space. He urged that churches cooperate in locating new congregations. "We have no business wasting the Lord's money in competition with those who disagree with us 3 or 4 per cent"; we need to cooperate, for there are many people who disagree with us 100 per cent. He offered the aid of the Oregon Council of Churches to effect this cooperation.

## Robert Nelson Pays Tribute to Oregonians

Here on his first visit to the Northwest, Robert Nelson paid tribute to Goldie Ruth Wells, Hattie Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Moon, and Elmer Boyer, all Oregonians who have served Africa as missionaries. Mr. Nelson, who is executive secretary of our brotherhood's Congo missions, spoke several times at the Oregon Christian Assembly in Eugene, February 11 and 12.

To dramatize the astounding opportunities open today, Mr. Nelson drew a series of contrasts between the early days of Congo missions and the present days. In one Congo area today, 974 candidates for baptism are waiting— waiting for rain to break the drought which has lowered rivers until the waterways are too low for missionaries to boat their way to the converts.

At one time, Congo missionaries had all they could do to enlist a handful of students. Now they have so many eager seekers that 500 children had to be turned away recently for lack of classrooms and teachers. "We shall have to step up the tempo of everything we are doing in the Congo," said Mr. Nelson.

## Camps Planned for Young Adults and for Families

Camping experiences are to be provided for other groups than school-age children. The Young Adults will hold their third annual conference over Labor Day weekend, August 30 to September 2. Geared for young people, single or married, from 18 to 30, the aim of this conference is to provide help for young adults in carrying on their own local group program, to help establish new groups of young adults in the churches of the state, and to provide for a further conference experience beyond the high school years.

Under the guidance of the state Committee on Young Adult Work, the conference is being set up by a steering committee of persons who attended the conference last year and representatives from several local young adult groups. Further information concerning this conference on Labor Day Weekend may be secured either from the state office or Miss Elsie Kemmling, 126 N. E. Alberta, Portland. Worship, discussion groups, informal recreation, new friendships — all make this an outstanding conference experience!

The annual Family Camp has come to be a prominent feature in our summer schedule of camps and conferences. The location is Twin Rocks Conference Grounds, near Rockaway, and the dates are August 30 to September 2 — the Labor Day Weekend. Here the Christian family learns ways in which it may grow closer together as a family as it grows closer to God. Through family worship, creative activities, family panels and skits, family recreation, guidance is given toward becoming a more **Christian** family. More information and publicity will be given out to the local churches later this spring. Look forward and plan toward this weekend on the beach with your family!

## Adult Observation School at Kern Park

Teachers and leaders of adults in our local churches are reminded of the Observation School for Adult Teachers and Leaders, to be held in Portland, March 24-27. Sessions are open to any leader of adults or person interested in improving the program for adults in the church. Registration fee is $2.00, which includes both afternoon and evening classes. Registration blank should be mailed to Robert Richter, 603 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon. Your church should be represented!

## Last Call for Youth Meetings!

**Chi Rho Conclave and C.Y.F. Commission Near**

Young people, advisers, and ministers are reminded that the annual all-state meetings of junior high youth and senior highs are scheduled for the last of March. C.Y.F. Commission will be March 22-23 on the Northwest Christian College Campus, and Conclave will be the following weekend at Menucha, March 29-30.

Both meetings are the only all-state gatherings held by young people each year. Pre-registrations for Commission must reach the state office by **March 13,** with $1.00 pre-registration fee. Meals will be served by the N.C.C. Cafeteria, at a cost of $3.25 per person.

Registration forms and full information on schedule, cost, etc., were mailed to pastors, advisers, and youth presidents. If you have not registered yet, do so now!

### New Year Books Ready

There is a supply of New Year Books in the State Office which sell for three dollars per copy plus postage. Each church should have a copy.

## Edna Whipple Gish Tells Thailand Strategy

At the Oregon Christian Assembly in Eugene, February 11 and 12, Edna Whipple Gish, who has been serving as missionary at Nakom Pathom in Thailand, showed how the new strategy of missions is helping to increase the effectiveness of missionary activity in Thailand.

A new step in Thailand is the strengthening of the Chinese Christian churches in Thailand, for the Chinese, being Asians, are very effective in reaching the Thai people with whom they associate. Another step is the outreach to the tribes people in the north near the Burma border, where the grip of Buddhism is less powerful. A native, commenting upon the opportunity in this area, said, "If you Protestants do not push strongly into that area, within the next ten years the people there will be either communists or Catholic."

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**JUNIOR CHOIR of First Christian Church, Forest Grove, directed by Mrs. Frank Tosch, sang for the Sunday School Christmas program and will continue singing for various church functions throughout the year.**

## Annual Lab School Set for June 2-8

The Children's Work Committee of the State Education Commission has scheduled the annual Laboratory Training School for June 2-8 at First Christian Church, La Grande.

Lab School is a week-long training school. It seeks to help teachers grow in understanding of the teaching process and in the effective use of methods and materials. It seeks, further, to deepen the personal Christian faith of Christian teachers, broaden their perspective, and give renewed dedication to the teaching task in their home churches.

This is a once-a-year opportunity, and enrollment is expected to be state-wide. Older youth or adults who now teach in nursery, kindergarten, primary or junior departments, or who wish to teach, may attend.

Cost of registration wil be $5.00, until May 27, $7.50 thereafter. This may be sent to 603 Panama Building, Portland, Oregon. Other expenses will include textbook and noon and evening meals. Churches are urged to pay the expenses of their teachers who attend.

Lab School not only develops teachers to do better work in their own churches but also helps them to become resource persons for promoting children's work, leadership education, and other observation schools or classes.

The church must have leaders who continue to become better persons themselves and who continue to improve their teaching.

Next month's "Oregon Christian" and information sent to each church will tell you more about State Laboratory School.

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### Dr. Ervin F. Leake

Dr. Ervin F. Leake, a well-known minister in the Christian Church, passed from this life on February 12. Dr. Leake began preaching when he was a boy and did not retire until last summer. He held many pastorates in Christian Churches, large and small, incuding three in Oregon: Portland First Christian, Hood River, and Vernonia. He was a preacher of preachers and loved people and was loved by them. His good works will follow him not only in Oregon, but across the entire life of our brotherhood.

**FRANCES HYLAND, instructor in speech at Northwest Christian College and youth worker in Eugene First Christian Church, confers with young people about church vocations.**

## *Northwest Christian College*

—By Ross J. Griffeth

Recently a one-day conference on church vocations was held in the Eugene First Christian Church through the cooperation of Northwest Christian College and the church staff. The purpose was to acquaint the youth of the church with opportunities open to those preparing for church vocations.

The schedule for the day gave the young people opportunity to meet in groups and, also, to have individual conferences. The conference was set up by E. M. Eldridge, Field Representative of Northwest Christian College, Prof. John Boosinger, Dr. Carrol C. Roberts and others.

The young people were surprised to learn of the many vocations which the church provides, such as preaching and pastoral ministry, medical missionary, Christian education director, Christian journalist, chaplain, social worker, missionary evangelist, and teacher. From the experience gained, it is proposed to help other congregations conduct such a conference. Materials are being developed by the College that will help others conduct similar conferences.

**Coming Events**

As always, there are no dull weeks at Northwest Christian College. Following the Library dedication on March 12, there is the necessary adjustment of conducting the work in the fine new facilities.

The spring vacation, March 17 through 24, will find students and faculty members serving various congregations in special meetings. The Select Chorus will make a trip to places some distance from Eugene and give concerts.

Spring term begins March 25. At the same time, the Christian Education Practicum is to meet. Five different classes, to provide for children from the Nursery through the Junior Department of the church school, will be conducted. All sessions will be held during afternoons. There is room for some persons not on campus now to enroll for these classes. Cost is $12.00, and two-term hours of college credit can be earned.

April 28 is Northwest Christian College Day in the churches this year. This coordinates with a nation-wide emphasis on Higher Education which is being given through the National Council of Churches, the American Advertising Institute, and other national organizations. It is hoped that every congregation of the Christian churches throughout the Northwest will observe N.C.C. Day either on April 28 or soon thereafter.

**Student Preview**

April 5 and 6 have been set aside for "Student Preview." The students of Northwest Christian College, in cooperation with the faculty and staff, and inviting high school seniors and juniors who have an interest in N.C.C. to visit the campus on these days, get a preview of college life, and learn about the educational opportunities at the College. An adult sponsor is to accompany each delegation. Overnight lodging will be provided and other courtesies extended.

There is need to know how many will come from each church. If you have not yet sent in your reservations, do so at once.

**Plans**

Plans are being made for the erection of a new gymnasium at Northwest Christian College. Complete announcement will be made about this project as soon as they are available. Funds from an estate are to be used to meet construction costs.

## Spring District Meets Now Being Lined Up

A group representing the causes working in Oregon met by authorization of the September Board meeting, and

Following her graduation from college worked out a schedule of District Conventions. At the January meeting of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society Board a block of time was set aside for these conventions, March 29 through April 12. Mrs. Edna Whipple Gish will be the missionary on the team. The team worked out a schedule of travel that would eliminate having to drive most of the night.

There are some pre-Easter evangelistic projects in a few districts which will make it quite impossible to hold the convention at the stated time, but since we have the missionary who is so popular in Oregon, we have suggested to Mrs. Burke that she schedule the Christian Women's Fellowship Workshops anyway. They will be held in morning and afternoon, and then where possible a convention will be held at the dinner hour and continue into the evening.

The schedule is as follows: March 29, District 1; April 1, District 3 at McMinnville; April 2, District 2 Rockaway; April 3, District 5, Junction City; April 4, District 6, Myrtle Creek; April 5, District 7, Medford First; April 7, District 8A, possibly at Valley Christian; April 8-10, District 9, Heppner; April 11, District 8B, Central Oregon; and District 4 on April 3, Corvallis. Direct mailing will go to each church both from the State CWF and the Society giving additional information concerning each district, since there is some conflict with the pre-Easter evangelism in some places.

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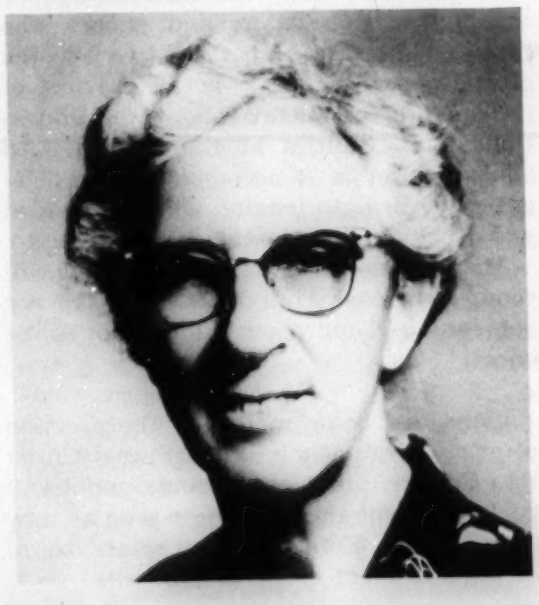
**MRS. EDNA GISH will be the missionary on the team traveling to the spring district conventions.**



## OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

Mrs. Edna Whipple Gish,, former missionary to our newest field, Thailand, Southeast Asia, will be the guest speaker for Christian Women's Fellowships held in connection with State Missions district conventions. Mrs. Gish is well known and greatly loved by the people of Oregon. She attended Northwest Christian College (Eugene Bible University in those days) and the University of Oregon while serving as state officer of Christian Endeavor.

Following her graduation from college in Eugene, she went to the College of Missions in Indianapolis, as it was then known, to prepare herself further for China, her chosen field. After being compelled when the Communists took over, to leave China with 25 years of service there, she went to Thailand, where she has done an outstanding piece of work in helping to enlarge the work there, especially in educational work. Mrs. Gish has a stirring and informative message which none will want to miss.

Plans for the district conventions are still uncertain in some areas. However, at the present time we can announce one in McMinnville for April 2; April 4, Myrtle Creek; Medford, April 5; Sunday afternoon, April 7, in Hood River Valley church; Eastern Oregon convention at Heppner, April 8-10; Central Oregon at Redmond April 11 and probably one in the Eugene Area, April 12. We hope that it will be possible to have C.W.F. workshops from 10:00-4:00 in most places. Watch for more complete announcements before long.

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We are requested to get our Purdue Assembly registrations in as soon as possible. First come, first served so far as accommodations are concerned. Early registrants will get the best places, so hurry! Along toward the last, there will be literally hundreds of letters containing registrations arriving at the Department of Christian Fellowship of the United Society, every day. We can help a great deal by registering right away.

There will not be another meeting of this kind for at least four years and maybe not then; so you cannot afford to miss this outstanding opportunity for rather extensive training in many phases of church work, fellowship with notable leaders from different parts of the world, classes on The Woman in Worship, in Christian Education, in Stewardship, in Missions and many other kinds of worthwhile activities.

There will be a 200-voice choir, a gift shop, and great messages by such women as Mrs. James Wyker, Mrs. Cleo Blackburn, Mrs. Russell Putnam, Mrs. Harriet Harmon Dexter and Mrs. T. O. Wedell. Dr. James Robinson, pastor of Church of the Master in New York, Dr. Dale Fiers, Dr. Nels Ferre, and many other famous men will be taking part. A number of missionary candidates for the missionary field will be commissioned; CWF Love Gifts will be dedicated in an impressive service. I could go on and on but could not include everything that is in store for all who go. Send to me right away for blanks.

## ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This period of service covers the time from January 11 through February 13. Some may wonder why we list these activities each month. The answer is that some do not seem to understand the wide range of services rendered by the Executive Secretary. In this manner we can tell something of work and services rendered. Each item mentioned and many which are omitted represent either administration or service rendered.

During this period I attended and shared in the annual planning retreat of the Kern Park Church, preached two sermons at Yamhill and shared in their annual meeting, attended Northwest Preacher's Parliament at Eugene, visited Prineville and presented the work of the Society at a dinner meeting and held a conference with the church board, attended the Oregon Council Convocation in Salem, annual meeting of the Oregon Temperance League, preached at North Bend and met with their pulpit committee, preached at Myrtle Point and met with a special committee on future work.

Other activities were as follows: conferences in Coquille and Coos Bay, annual meeting of the Portland Council of Churches, a sermon at Myrtle Creek, a conference at Riddle, two of the Churchmanship meetings held by Jack Sutton at Kern Park, Planning and Strategy Committee of the Oregon Council, School of Missions at Portland First, a sermon at Glenwood and a conference with the church board, visit to Coburg and presentation of a short message on the work of the Society, and participation in the Oregon Christian Assembly in Eugene. Attended the State Board meeting and eight committee and commission meetings on state work. Spent twelve days in the office with nine office conferences.

Chas. H. Addleman

**ATTENDANCE RECORDS at the Westside Christian Church in Roseburg are dramatized by Herman Bagwell, chairman of education committee (left); Loyde Casteel, Bible School superintendent (center); and George Knox, minister.**

## Sweetheart Search Brings Gains at Roseburg Church

The Sweetheart Search at the Westside Christian Church in Roseburg has just been completed with very satisfactory results. The average attendance for the first six weeks of 1957 jumped 75 over last year's, going from 146 to 222 (as indicated in the picture). The highest attendance during the Search was 256 and the lowest was 194.

There were ten candidates in all, two of whom were crowned Sweethearts of the Bible School at a coronation service on Valentine's Day. Alice Savage, representing the second-grade class was crowned junior Sweetheart, and Lila McKean, representing the Lamplighter (adult) class, was crowned Sweetheart of the Bible School.

The directors of the Search this year were Loyde Casteel, Bible School superintendent; Herman Bagwell, chairman of the education committee; and George Knox, minister. B. Ross Evans, minister of the Winston Christian Church, brought the devotional message at the coronation service.

The classes are quite proud of their achievements, and rightly so, points out Minister George Knox, for the church is only three and a half years old.

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## NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—By Ed Dewees

The Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood will enter the 23rd year of sponsorship of Christian Boys' Camps with the opening of the 1957 camping season. It will be the 9th year of sponsorship of Christian Girls' Camps. Places and dates for the camps are as follows: Turner Christian Girls' Camp, July 14-20; Turner Christian Boys' Camp, July 21-27; Crescent Lake Christian Boys' Camp, July 28-August 3 (pending confirmation from U.S. Forest Service); Cove Christian Boys' Camp and Fir Point Christian Boys' Camp, August 4-10; Cove Christian Girls' Camp and Fir Point Christian Girls' Camp, August 11-17; Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Boys' Camp, August 18-24. The date for the last-named camp has been changed this year to permit a second week of Junior-Hi camp at the earlier time.

Camp fees will be the same, $10.50 for registration and insurance, except for a technical difference of 1c. The insurance company is issuing its camp policy for a premium of 7c per day per person this summer and the actual premium will thus be 49c for each camper. The registration fee will thus be $10.01 to keep the lines moving at registration time! Blanks are now being prepared and may be obtained by writing to Ed Dewees, P. O. Box 231, Coburg, Oregon. Volunteers for service as teachers, helpers, kitchen workers, etc., are always welcome. Please write if you can serve in one or more of the camps.

**District Meetings**

Old Man Winter relented just in time for the January 28 men's rallies in District 1 (Northwest) at Portland Central Christian, District 3-A (Yamhill) at Sheridan, and District 4 (South Willamette) at Lebanon First Christian.

Willie White, minister of Newberg First Christian Church, spoke at Sheridan. The Jones-Keister evangelistic team presented a stimulating challenge to the 206 men present in the Portland rally. Special guests there were Bela Kirshberger and Joseph Varadi, refugees from Hungary who are being sponsored by Jeff Martin, a member of the Oregon City Church of Christ. It was ladies' night at Lebanon and total attendance was 143. Guest speaker was Aldis Webb, minister of the First Christian Church in Tillamook and president of the Oregon Christian Convention.

The School of Churchmanship conducted at the Kern Park Christian Church in Portland by Jack Sutton attracted a number of men from neighboring churches. An interesting feature of the school was a 6:00 a.m. fellowship breakfast on Feb. 4 at the El Sombrero restaurant on Hawthorne Blvd. Some 40 men attended the breakfast en route to their day's work and appreciated the spiritual uplift given by Jack in a short devotional talk. He conducted a similar school at Northwest Christian College for men in the Eugene area, and a Dist. 5 (McKenzie) Men's dinner and business meeting was scheduled for Feb. 18 in order that he might be the speaker for the occasion.

A rally for the men in Dist. 6-A (Douglas) planned a meeting at the Roseburg Westside church on Feb. 23, and state president "Bob" Pfeiffer was invited to speak for the men in Dist. 8-A (Central Oregon) in a meeting planned at Prineville.

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### Oregon Churches on Honor Roll

The following Oregon churches have been listed as "Front Line Churches" in the latest honor roll of the National Benevolence Association: Corvallis, Eugene First, Portland First, and Mallory Avenue of Portland.

Churches giving one dollar per member are as follows: Corvallis; Elkton; Fall Creek; Gladstone; McKenzie Bridge; Pendleton; Mallory Avenue, Multnomah, and Southeast, all of Portland; and Court Street Christian Church of Salem.

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**CLYDE BLAKLEY, along with his wife and his son, Dick, holds up one of the gifts presented by the church at North Bend during a farewell reception attended by a crowd so big that only standing room was available. Mr. Blakley has accepted a call to the Oakridge Christian Church after a five-year ministry at North Bend.**

## New District Chairmen for Children's Work

The Education Commission is happy to announce the appointment of four new district chairmen of children's work. This is the first time such a step has been taken in children's work in the state of Oregon. The district chairmen will serve on a volunteer basis, helping local churches analyze and improve their work with children. They will want to become acquainted with teachers and leaders of children in the churches of their districts.

Chairmen appointed include: Mrs. Leona Harleman, District One; Mrs. Philip Wolfe, District Three; Mrs. Ray Hewitt, District Four; and Mrs. Merritt Parks, District Eight.

Mrs. Harleman is a member of the Forest Grove church, where she teaches a combined fifth and sixth grade class. She and her husband served with the Yakima Indian Mission at White Swan for a number of years as "mama" and "papa" to the Indian children.

Mrs. Wolfe is the pastor's wife at our church in Dallas. She is a graduate of Phillips University, and has served as Director of Christian Education in the church at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Hewitt is a member of the church in Corvallis, as well as the wife of our editor of the **OREGON CHRISTIAN**, Dr. Ray Hewitt. She served as chairman of the Education Commission in Wyoming, and since coming to Oregon has been active in the work of her local church as well as in the Benton County Council of Churches in the field of children's work.

Mrs. Parks is a member of the church in Bend, but lives in Fork Rock, some 90 miles distant from the church. She and her husband have been instrumental in setting up a Sunday School in their small community and both teach in it. Helen has had been a member of the state Children's Committee for several years.

**NEW DISTRICT CHAIRMEN of children's work: left to right, Mrs. Merritt Parks, Mrs. Leona Harleman, Mrs. Philip Wolfe, and Mrs. Ray Hewitt.**

# NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

### REGIONAL DSF CONFERENCE

The annual Northwest Conference of the Disciples Student Fellowship will meet at Menucha, Oregon, April 5-7, with two featured speakers. They are Bill Barr, national DSF president who has had wide experience with Christian student groups overseas and in international work camps, and Harold Glen Brown, pastor of the Portland First Christian Church who with Mrs. Brown were very active in the DSF in Texas prior to coming to Oregon.

The conference opens at 7 o'clock, Friday, April 5, and closes at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 7. Every church having students should plan to send delegates. For further information, write Roger Weaver, president of the conference, at 736 E. 16th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

**INFORMAL GROUP at Corvallis Christian House: left to right, Don Patton, The Dalles; Lyle Read, Corvallis; Robert Hersniser, Medford; Richard Larson, The Dalles; Maureen Goodwin, Salem; Nancy Garrett, Milwaukie; Lawrence Porter, campus minister; Dan McGinnis, Glendora, California; Allen Bahrenbruch, Nyssa; and Gary Bates, Salem.**

### LAWRENCE PORTER
### MINISTER TO STUDENTS
### CORVALLIS CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Student of Corvallis Christian House recognized the first Sunday night of International week by sponsoring a theme on Southeast Asia. Professor and Mrs. Albert Logan of Oregon State College, who have spent considerable time teaching in Thailand, presented pictures and a talk.

Newly elected officers for the coming year at Christian House are Gary Bates (Salem), president; Jean Smith (Corvallis), first vice president; Roberta Hagerman (Independence), second vice president; Allen Fahrenbruch (Nyssa), secrtary; and Richard Larson (The Dalles), treasurer.

Both the single and married students and the faculty group are laying plans for a visitation evangelism campaign in conjunction with the Christian churches of this district.

In past years attendance has dropped off during January and February, but this year attendance has increased at both the church and Sunday School services.

**PROGRAM at Eugene Christian House: "The Church and the United Nations."**

### FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE
### DULCINA ELLIOT REPORTS

"Southeast Asia" is being studied in missionary potluck dinner discussions each Tuesday at the Eugene Christian House. The current texts for college-age youth in missions are being reviewed and students and returned missionaries from that part of the world are serving as resource people.

The closing Sunday of Youth Week, Feb. 3, the students led the Sunday evening church service at Eugene First Christian Church. Wynn Dahlgren, recipient of a brotherhood scholarship to our church Seminar on United Nations at the UN Headquarters, spoke on the underlying bases for Christian concern about the United Nations. Karen Caleb of India, Cho Sei Yong of Korea, Don Smith, Christian House president, and Martha Crumroy, membership chairman, also participated in the service which was arranged by Mary Ihle and Doris Dahlgren. A delightful coffee hour after church gave the members of the congregation an opportunity to meet international students from the University who were specially invited guests of the evening.

Bill Barr, national president of the Disciples Student Fellowship, will be in Eugene on Sunday, March 31. April 1 is the eighth birthday of the Eugene Christian House, which opened April 1, 1949.

## New Year Book Reveals Giving and Membership of Oregon Churches

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 6, 1957—Disciples of Christ (Christian) Churches in Oregon have 41,665 members in 170 Christian Churches, according to the new 860-page Year Book of Disciples of Christ just released by the International Convention office.

States leading in membership are Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Texas.

**Oregon Christian Churches reported a per capita giving of $8.20 to missionary causes and $47.20 for local expenses during the 1955-56 fiscal year.**

Oregon Christian Churches reported 2,069 additions by baptism, and 1,834 additions by transfer of membership during the past fiscal year.

On the national level, per capita missionary giving of Disciples of Christ churches amounted to $7.48. This was an increase over the 1954-55 figure of $6.88.

The total membership of the Disciples of Christ churches in the United States and Canada now stands at 1,930,760 in 8,062 churches. Church school enrollment in the United States and Canada was reported at 1,278,651, an increase over the previous year.

During the past fiscal year, in the United States and Canada, there were 60,145 persons added to Disciples of Christ churches by baptism; 64,284 were added by transfer of membership. The gain in membership during this last fiscal year was approximately 23,250.

The total giving of Disciples of Christ churches for all causes included local expenses and missions amounted to more than $70,000,000 during the past fiscal year. This was approximately six million more than the previous year.

The Disciples of Christ churches, through the United Christian Missionary Society, serve ten countries in addition to the United States and Canada, with approximately 250 missionaries serving in foreign fields. There were 6,462 baptisms reported by Disciples of Christ mission churches in foreign fields last year.

The 301 organized Disciples of Christ churches in foreign missionary lands have a membership of 111,663. The Disciples of Christ minister to a total population of more than 27 million persons in the ten countries served by them.

Mission countries served by the Disciples of Christ are Africa, Argentina, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Paraguay, The Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Thailand. In Japan and The Philippines, Disciples cooperate with the United Church of Christ of those countries.

Copies of the Year Book are available at the State Office, 603 Panama Building, Portland, for three dollars.


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## Women to Study Churchmanship at Assembly

Some 4,400 Christian Church (Disciples) women will study churchmanship at the first Quadrennial Assembly of the International Christian Women's Fellowship, June 19-23, at the Purdue campus, Lafayette, Indiana.

The study will be made as the assembly forms into about 150 working groups of workshops for two hours each afternoon. On two afternoons the topic of the workshops will be "Women's Place in the Total Church," which is also the subject of a booklet by Sam Pugh of The United Christian Missionary Society. The third afternoon's workshop will be on missionary education.

## University Street Church Dedicates New Unit

The University Street Christian Church in Eugene held dedication services, February 10, for its new educational unit, which was just completed. Guest speaker for the occasion was W. W. White, former minister of the congregation and now minister of the First Christian Church in Newberg.

The construction began in August 1956. The building contains 3500 square feet of floor space. The cost was approximately $18,000. The low cost was attributed to careful buying, the hiring of Ray Collver to work and supervise the construction, and to the many hours of volunteer help from members and friends of the congregation. The new unit provides facilities for Nursery Class, Beginners, Primary, and Junior Departments, Junior High, High School, and a Young Married People's classes.

Two and one half years ago, the first unit consisting of the auditorium, seating 300, offices, social room and some class rooms, was dedicated. Leo A. Woodruff began his fifth year with the congregation on March 1.

**NEW EDUCATIONAL UNIT at the University Street Christian Church in Eugene was dedicated February 10.**

# *Around The State With The Churches*

**GLENWOOD:** Two added by baptism. Date set for our sanctuary dedication is March 10. This date we also host the Lane County convention. The attendance is increasing with the building improvements. Lyle E. Brenneman, minister.

**PENDLETON:** School of Missions now in progress. Five elective interest classes are being taught during church school: prayer; stewardship; doctrines of the church; the use of the Bible; regular Sunday school lesson. Donald Payne, minister.

**LEBANON:** Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. School of Missions in progress. Mrs. Ross Griffeth is teaching the adult department. A goal of 94 additions has been set for Decision Sunday, March 31. The District 4 campaign is being led by Ed Eldridge. L. O. White, minister.

**OCEANLAKE:** One added by statement. The minister, Richard Larson, is leaving by June to go to graduate school. We are going ahead with plans for a much needed building. Eight young people attended the county C.E. banquet at Newport, January 30.

**WALLOWA:** The minister, James M. Sinclair, is preaching an interesting series of sermons on "Our Heritage." Two recently added by statement. Mrs. Spencer Trump, reporter.

**IRVING:** Two added by baptism and 7 by statement during 1956. Ernest and Karen Mathes were called as associate minister and youth director in January. Both are NCC students. Taking part in School of Christian Living at Harrisburg. Gary Baxter, minister.

**CORVALLIS:** Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Eighteen attended the Oregon Christian Assembly from Corvallis. Dr. Spencer Austin spoke for our Christian Women's Fellowship on the next day. Jack A. Sutton, Jr., of the National Men's Work office was guest in the pulpit, February 17. A goal of 77 additions has been set for April 14, as part of the combined evangelistic effort of District 4. A week of preaching is planned beginning Palm Sunday with William Hall of Texas Christian University as speaker. Donald L. Helseth, minister.

**WI-NE-MA:** Mrs. Jack Ruff was chairman of eight-church Day of Prayer. Delegation from local church attended preaching mission at Hebo Air Force Base. Wm. F. Morse, pastor, spoke recently at Seaside, St. Helens, and Portland Central.

**JASPER:** One added by baptism. We are doing well in our Sunday School contest with an increase in our attendance.

**GLENEDEN:** A potluck dinner was held February 24 to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Sunday School here. Earl Gibbs, minister.

**McMINNVILLE:** Four added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Membership development committee has put into operation an attendance recording board where each member in attendance turns over his disk and the words "I'm here" witness to his presence. Absentees are then contacted. Walter Nelson, from Linfield college, is the new youth worker. R. W. Helseth, minister.

**OREGON CITY:** Sixteen added by statement. Cottage prayer meetings have been held nightly for last seven weeks and continue thru Easter. Planting of shrubs completed in courtyard. Will finish social hall immediately. H. Hutchins, pastor.

**VAUGHN:** Plans for VBS under way. Attendance averaging 95 in Bible school. Timothy Kribs, pastor.

**WINSTON:** One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. We are in a "four-way" Bible School contest with Trent, West Side Eugene, and University St., Eugene, starting February 3 and lasting until Easter. We had 215 on February 3 and 260 on February 10. B. Ross Evans, minister.

**MT. VERNON:** We have always been a student-preaching point, but now we have secured Douglas Priest, as soon as he graduates in June, on almost a full-time basis, and hope for full-time to come in a few months. Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, reporter.

**ESTACADA:** Ray C. Smith has been supplying here since December. Youth work is developing with C. E. meeting Sunday evenings. Church will be host to Clackamas County Fifth Sunday rally, March 24.

**GLENDALE:** Have just completed a three-weeks evangelistic service with Brother and Sister Cays. Ida Edson, reporter. Guy Armstrong, minister.

**HERMISTON:** One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Host to District 90 and 9 Men's meeting. Loren Arnett of Broadway in Yakima brought the message. Observed Universal Week of Prayer by keeping a 15-hour vigil of prayer January 11 in which 34 of our members took part. Observed youth week with a banquet prepared by the CWF and the youth taking over the morning worship service.
James Pfouts, minister.

**MILTON-FREEWATER:** Two added by statement. During youth week, the young men served the emblems at the Lord's table, February 3. A delegation of 42 attended the C.E. rally at Athena, February 2, and four of the young people preached the evening sermon on February 3 here. C.W.F. held a luncheon and rally on March 1 with Mrs. Youngstrom, C.W.F. president, as guest speaker. School of Christian Living every Tuesday evening for six weeks is sponsored by the Council of Churches and held in our church, with 14 churches represented and about 150 registered so far. The pastor and wife and Mrs. Effie Ritchey attended the Oregon Missionary Assembly at Eugene. Truman Robbins, minister.

**VERNONIA:** One added by baptism. Dr. Guy Wright, professor at NCC, was guest speaker on February 3. He displayed his collection of Bibles and gave very interesting messages on the Bible. In the evening he showed slides and a movie on his trip to Palestine in 1954. Don Hainer, pastor.

**MILWAUKIE:** Alger Fitch attended the Oregon Assembly held at Eugene this month. Alger and Betty are continuing the calling campaign in the interest of the evangelistic effort. National Youth Week was observed by the youth group taking charge of all parts of the services, January 27. Mrs. Van Antwerp, reporter.

**SEASIDE:** Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. On February 3, the youth published the first volume of bi-weekly church paper. Bob McDonald, pastor.

**ROSEBURG - WESTSIDE:** One added by statement. Plans are under way for an evangelistic campaign this spring with Walter Naff as speaker. Visitation has already begun. George Knox, minister.

**BEND:** Two added by statement. Central Oregon College Choir, of Bend, sang at the evening service, February 3, with 180 present. Our basketball team is in second place among eight teams. School of Missions closed February 17. H. Cecil Bever, pastor.

**COQUILLE:** Four added by baptism. We shared in first Coos County fifth-Sunday assembly at Myrtle Point, January 6. Several of the members have shared in the "Great Decisions—1957" studies. C.Y.F. held a "Hobby Fair" at the church where 20 hobbies were displayed and demonstrated. Choir held a car wash one freezing day and raised $45 toward new choir robes.

**NEWPORT:** Attendance at Sunday School averaged 120 and church averaged 140 for the month. On January 30 the C.E. held a banquet with the Toledo and Oceanlake youth here with over 100 present. David D. Dunning, minister.

**FOREST GROVE:** Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. During January we began a multiple service program of Sunday


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School and worship. This has increased our attendance at worship especially. Mrs. D. S. Kime, a retired missionary, was the guest speaker. Twenty-nine youth were in attendance. Elby A. Boosinger, minister.

**ELKTON:** One added by statement. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ryan, ministers, attended the Oregon Christian Assembly in Eugene. C.W.F. is sponsoring the job of sanding and varnishing the floor in the auditorium. Mae Etta Hubbard, reporter.

**LORANE:** Three added by baptism. The Sunday School contest with Jasper has increased attendance and interest. Our average attendance for January was 106. Martin Lee, minister.

**PORTLAND-SOUTHWEST:** Four additions. Started two new departments in the Bible School. Emeline Woodruff spoke on the evening of March 3. Had a reception for our Elder Emeritus, Willis Scott, on his 90th birthday. Will be having two morning worship services on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Ivan Scott, reporter. Wayne V. Jensen, minister.

**SPRINGFIELD:** One added by baptism, 10 added by statement. The church is enjoying the help and fellowship of 41 NCC students. The youth group is competing in the local basketball league. Howard Larson, minister.

**NORTH PLAINS:** Two added by statement. We have raised over $1000 in special funds for organ and pews in the past six months. We are making plans for a new building to be constructed during 1957. Our Bible School attendance average for last quarter was 93. John Myers, minister.

**PORTLAND - FIRST:** Pre-Easter visitation evangelism campaign will culminate on Decision Day, April 7. The "Co-Weds," a new church school class for young married people, has been organized and is well attended each week. The college and business-age group has been reactivated and is now holding weekly Sunday evening meetings. The new budget, adopted January 1, has increased our missionary giving to 33 1/3 per cent of the total. Harold Glen Brown, minister.

**HOOD RIVER - VALLEY:** A new C.W.F. group for combined study and service has been organized for evening meetings, and first attendance was over 20. In spite of freezing weather and hazardous road conditions, a group of young people from here motored to The Dalles, January 27, and took home the banner for largest attendance, according to mileage consideration. Projects which they have accepted in the Union include purchase of a part of a "goat for Germany" and sponsorship of one young person at Christian House in Corvallis. Jeanette Sargeant, reporter. Leo Horner, minister.

**BEAVERTON:** One added by baptism, 7 otherwise. Organ dedicated debt-free on February 3. Jones-Keister evangelism crusade well under way. NCC students recently helped in effective religious census. Pastor is holding a two-week evangelistic meeting in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada. Thomas Courtney, minister.

**PORT ORFORD:** Three added by baptism, 3 otherwise. The building is rapidly becoming too small and plans are going ahead toward a new church. An evangelistic meeting is being planned for late spring or early summer. Don Whitney, minister.

**SCOTTS MILLS:** There has been quite a bit of remodeling done on the church lately, with inside paneling put on the walls and an outside covering put around the foundation. Edwin L. Martin, minister.

**POWELL BUTTE:** One added by baptism. The men have a very nice group at work here. They are doing a lot of small jobs that are needed very badly. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

**COBURG:** Bible School attendance was up to 198 on February 3, with the adult "Win One" class up to 45. There were 29 in the high-school youth. We are cooperating with the School of Christian Living at Harrisburg. We are planning to put on a personal evangelistic calling campaign in March with the help of Brother Orville Mick of Allison Park. Arthur Harriman, minister.

**NORTH BEND:** The interim of calling a new pastor is filled by supply pastors, including Gilbert Kistler, of NCC, Mr. Charles Addleman, state secretary, and Len Fishback of the Burns church. A dinner honoring the Fishbacks had an attendance that required 45 minutes for the diners to pass the serving table. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter.

**ONTARIO:** Two added by baptism. Now participating in the Jones-Keister evangelistic clinic. Twenty-six have made decisions thus far toward our goal of 40. Local week of evangelistic preaching, February 18-22, was conducted by H. Harold Johnson, minister, with Jack Foreman as guest song leader.

**PORTLAND - GLENCOE ROAD:** A conference was held with Mrs. Betts, consulting architect of the Board of Church Extension, regarding our new building. Our present temporary building is bulging at the seams. Earle B. Van Slyck, minister.


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**PORTLAND - SELLWOOD:** On February 9, six men remodeled a used storage room into a new class room. George Krieger, ad-interim minister.

**PORTLAND - KERN PARK:** Four added by baptism, 4 otherwise. We placed 23rd among 8000 congregations in baptisms for the year 1956. A banquet on February 20 culminated this year's School of Missions. Conducted tours and a youth play were hi-lights of the program. Held youth week February 24-March 2. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

**HEPPNER:** A sound system with ten hearing aids was donated by one of the church families. Miss Loma Mae Jones "came home" and conducted six training classes for Bible School teachers. She was also our youth Sunday speaker when 13 of our youth conducted the major part of the worship service. At the last business meeting the members voted unanimously to change the name to First Christian Church. Charles V. Knox, minister.

**BAKER:** Two added by baptism, 8 otherwise. Our building fund is growing rapidly. One-tenth of the pledge period has elapsed and over one-tenth of the money pledged is in. Attendance is growing. We have had additions every Sunday, January 13 - February 10. Joe Jewett, minister.

**HARRISBURG:** One added by transfer. The School of Christian Living got off to a good start with nine churches participating and 119 enrolled. The missionary women attended the Christian Assembly in Eugene, February 12. The new parsonage has taken shape with much voluntary help from the men of the church. Vivian Blehm, reporter. Wm. Siefke, minister.

**BURNS:** During youth week five young people dedicated themselves as life-work recruits. We had our Week of Compassion dinner, February 19. The C.Y.F. have paid $20 toward the World Friendship Fund. Len B. Fishback, minister.

**DALLAS:** One added by baptism. In our first leadership education school in over a year, we have a total of 66 people who have attended the morning class – 50 per cent of them regularly; and approximately 20 attended the evening course regularly. Nine people from our congregation attended the Oregon Christian Assembly at Eugene. Philip Wolfe, minister.

**EUGENE - ALLISON PARK:** One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. After procuring a new building site debt free, we are driving hard on a building fund, with the object in view, to build as soon as possible. O. F. Mick, minister.

**EUGENE - WESTSIDE:** One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Bible School attendance contest is now being waged on a four-way basis. Winston, University Street in Eugene, and Trent are involved with West Side. L. Elwell, minister.

**CURTIN:** We are working on a house-to-house survey of the whole community. This is part of our pre-Easter campaign. For our all-Sunday school party, we held a Valentine Day skating party. Lucien Mills Harriman, minister.

**PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST:** Five added by baptism. We have taken a goal of 50 for the Jones-Keister evangelistic program. We are moving our Bible School into the basement of the new unit of our building. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

**SILVERTON:** We held a Week of Compassion dinner with a Norwegian exchange student as speaker. Elery Parrish will be in a two-weeks meeting here, in March. I. M. Nelson, minister.

**MYRTLE CREEK:** Ten added by baptism, 2 otherwise. The C.Y.F. had the entire charge of the Sunday evening service during youth week. A large group attended the Oregon Christian Assembly at Eugene. Three attended the convocation of United Church Women in Salem, January 21-22. Mary Payne is the newly elected president fo the local United Church Women. Mary Payne, reporter. Earl Sample, minister.

**ROCKAWAY:** One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Our Sunday School contest, "What's in the Treasure Chest," has brought an increase of 25 per cent during the last 5 weeks. We have planned a two-weeks post-Easter meeting. April 28-May 12, with Frank Cunningham. Dr. Guy Wright was guest speaker February 24. Don Summers, pastor.

**PORTLAND - ST. JOHNS:** One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. We were host to a Bible study series taught by Norman Olson and sponsored by the St. Johns' Ministerial association, February 11 - March 2. Work is continuing for the Jones -Keister evangelistic campaign with cultivation calls being made and a special prayer time held during the Bible School hour. Jess Johnson, minister.

**MOSIER:** The Gideons of Portland were guest speakers February 17. Plans are under way to observe the 58th anniversary of the church, March 31. There will be a special program of recognition of parents of children of cradle roll, a program and a fellowship dinner in the afternoon. Harry Atkins, minister of Dufur, will be speaker. Walter A. Barnes, minister.

**CANBY:** Four added by baptism. There was the largest Bible School attendance in history here on February 10, with 248 in attendance, despite an epidemic of measles and mumps. We are making plans for an education unit and have plans from the architect. John J. Stone, minister.

**PORTLAND - CENTRAL:** Five added by statement. We held a Family Life Institute with Lawrence Bixler with an average four-night attendance of 164. We are making plans to house and entertain folk from Oregon and Washington for the Northwest Direct-Support missionary conference to be held here March 19-20. Housing will be furnished on a "first-come" basis as long as it is available. Alvan L. Tiffin, minister.

**ALBANY:** Four added by baptism, 2 otherwise. We are now entering an evangelistic campaign working with the District 4 area churches. Our Decision Day will be April 14. Lester Jones, minister.

**SALEM-FIRST:** Two added by baptism, 6 otherwise. A fine youth week was observed with the youth taking over the many places of service in our morning worship service. They also had charge of an entire evening service and presented the play, "A Drop in the Bucket." We began our annual School of Missions Sunday evening, February 17, with graded study for all age groups. Wayne Greene, minister.

**SCIO:** The building committee have almost finished the baptistry in the front of the church. We hope that the minister and his family may move in the parsonage by March 1. Mrs. Glenn O. Clayton, reporter. William Hays, minister.

**SWEET HOME:** One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. We are participating with nine other churches of Linn and Benton counties in a pre-Easter comprehensive evangelism. B. Ross Evans will direct our calling and hold a week's preaching rally. The goal for Decision day, March 31, is 45. The young people participated in all services during youth week. They had complete charge of the evening service on Youth Sunday. Three junior high boys brought the message. One hundred and one young people were present. Earl F. Downing, minister.

**TILLAMOOK:** Had a high of 416 in Bible School February 10. The youth choir of 40 voices sang for the morning church service on Boy Scout Sunday. Six different age-levels studying "Mission Field: U.S.A.," each Sunday evening during the month of February. Began calling February 18 in preparation for a meeting with Harry Baird. Vivian L. Mondhan, reporter. Aldis L. Webb, minister.

**REDMOND:** The church young people conducted the Sunday morning services in observance of youth week. The morning message was brought by Leroy Donnell and Janet Veatch. A committee from the local church went to Eugene the last of January for a consultation with Charles Betts, to discuss our proposed building program. Richard Merriman, minister.

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